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Sub-Source : Vladimir PEKLSKY, leader of Czech Democratic Federalists

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1. Sub-Source reports that the resignation of his group from the ABW was prompted by the totalitarian and cliquish character of the ABW leadership. He labeled Bulgarian representative (Dr.) Dimitar KALITCHEV as the "evil spirit" of the ABW.
2. The insurgent "democratic opposition" eventually intends to consolidate into a new organization, perhaps the Internationale der Freiheit (The International of Freedom). In this regard, contact has been made with an organization by the same name in ITALY.
3. The Czech representative to the ABW is at present General Lev PRHALA who is a long-time ABW member and did not leave the organization.
4. In early February 1954, PEKLSKY conferred in BRUSSELS, BELGIUM, with (Dr.) Bohdan CHURCHNA, head of the Czech Christian-Democratic Party. The purpose of the talks was to find a basis for a merger between the Christian Democrats and the Democratic Federalists. Such consolidation has been agreed upon in principle. PEKLSKY is willing to leave the leadership of the new group-in-exile to CHURCHNA. Before further steps are taken, it will have to be seen whether CHURCHNA will receive "permission from the Vatican" to become the leader of a group in which not only Catholics but also persons of other beliefs are represented (members of the Democratic Federalists are also of religious beliefs other than the Catholic creed).
5. PEKLSKY expressed the following opinion regarding the visit to MUNICH of General Lev PRHALA (20-25 February) and his talks with LODGMAN VON AUEN:
 - a. The press declaration released at the conclusion of the talks emphasized for the first time that the Sudeten German Landsmannschaft is willing to cooperate also with other Czech groups

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provided that they did not participate in the Sudeten Germans' expulsion (So far, the Sudeten Germans insisted that the Czech side consent to the WIESBADEN agreement). This may be evaluated as Sudeten German recognition (especially in the case of LODOVAN VON AUEN) that FRNALA alone is insufficient as a platform.

- b. PERELSKY believes that American interference, small as it may be, with matters of the "Council of the Free CSK", NEW YORK, made a strong impression upon circles of the Sudeten Germans, with the result that the Sudeten Germans will slowly and unobtrusively alienate themselves from FRNALA to create a broader platform for possible cooperation with Czech groups. The purpose of the maneuver is to meet American desires halfway, without compromises.

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